

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 1, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda

Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny

Third Selectman, Sally J. Buemi

Mr. Freda welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself and second selectman, Timothy Doheny and third selectman, Sally Buemi. Mr. Freda asked everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Freda asked for public comment to the agenda. With no public comment, Mr. Freda asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a presentation by the Clean Energy Task Force. Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Freda then proceeded with inviting Sara Baird and Kenny Foscue of the Clean Energy Task Force to address the Board and members of the public. Sara and Kenny then spoke about the Connecticut Idle law. They explained that the members of Project Green at the schools will be assisting with getting the word out on this campaign to educate people about the health and environmental dangers of idling their vehicles. It is a waste of money, fuel and disperses pollutants and toxic gases from tailpipe emissions which exacerbate asthma & other respiratory diseases, especially in children. Mr. Freda thanked the members of the CETF for all of their efforts. He also commented that the Town has again received gold star status for our energy efforts. He also mentioned several initiatives including the solar array and the addition of an electric car charging station in 2017.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of November 3, 2016.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Freda stated that he had one item to update on his Selectman's overview. He went on to discuss the status of the pending Pratt & Whitney project. He explained that the Town has basically done all it can to this point and it is currently now in the Office of the State Traffic Authority (OSTA). He explained there is a three step process for this review and analysis and provided some additional detail on the subject.

Mr. Freda then proceeded to the next item on the agenda, explaining the resolution that will enable the Town to receive a \$6,800 grant from the State for the purpose of a cooperative initiative with the Goodwill Industries for removing textiles from the landfills by providing bags to homeowners for disposing of textiles no longer needed.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the following resolution:

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

RESOLVED: That it is in the best interests of the Town of North Haven to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of North Haven. Michael J. Freda currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since December, 2009. Michael J. Freda, the First Selectman, is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

Mr. Freda then invited Fire Chief Paul Januszewski to address the Board and public to provide information on the Department's request for the purchase of a 2017 ambulance/rescue vehicle. Chief Januszewski explained the need for the vehicle stating that the Department has two in their fleet. The second or backup vehicle has never been reliable. The chief provided a detailed explanation to the problems associated with the vehicle. He also explained that they can't provide the necessary routine maintenance to the primary vehicle because they can't depend on the backup. He stated that the new vehicle would become the primary and the existing vehicle currently being used as the primary would become the back up. He explained how the emergency vehicles are used and their importance.

Mr. Doheny and Miss Buemi discussed the issue with the Chief followed by Mr. Freda opening the meeting to public comment. Mr. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, commented that he agrees with this and feels we need dependable vehicles especially with a growing population.

Following some additional discussion, among the Board, Chief and public, Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the Call for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room # 1 of the North Haven Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation and request of the North Haven Fire Commission, the Board of Finance recommends to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting, respectively, that a sum not to exceed one hundred ninety three thousand dollars (\$193,000.) be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a 2017 ambulance. We further recommend and request that said appropriation to be taken from the unappropriated fund balance of the Town.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Following the call the Board continued with the board and commission appointments on the agenda.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Sandra Mastroianni (R), 183 Sentinel Hill Road, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Joseph P. Villano (D), 43 Highland Park Road, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Alan F. Fontana (D), 6 Crestview Drive, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of David Carney, 56 Hayward Road, Hamden, as the Animal Control Officer, for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2017.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Chrystal Rashba, 76 Clifton Street, Wallingford, as the Assistant Animal Control Office, for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2017.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Peter Fuhrmann (R), 106 Mountain View Terrace, to the Building Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2021.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Michelle L. Spader (D), 15 Leighton Court, to the Community Services Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Carole Franceschet (D), 235 Rimmon Road, to the Community Services Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Frank Maher (U), 25 Warner Road, to the Economic Development Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Deborah L. Moore, (D), 155 Ridgewood Avenue, to the Economic Development Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Mr. Freda seconded the reappointment of Richard LoPresti (R), 175 Sentinel Hill Road, to the Housing Authority for a five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2021.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes,

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Paul C. Colella (U), 24 Fieldstone Court, to the Library Board of Directors for a six (6) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the following bond release:

- #P15-15 – 7 Grasso Avenue – O.F. Mossberg & Son Inc. with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Following the approval of the bond release, Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the following property tax refunds:

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

- Biller, Jon, 19 Mountain Brook Road, in the amount of \$6.62.
- Donahue, Lia, 74 Knollwood Road, in the amount of \$69.23.
- Hill, Bryan G, 15 Quinniapiac Avenue, in the amount of \$19.20.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040, in the amount of \$121.54, and in the amount of \$234.96, and in the amount of \$190.63.
- Hyundai Lease Titling, 3161 Michelson Dr. Ste. 1900, Irving, CA 92612, in the amount of \$128.07, and in the amount of \$109.99.
- Lendaro, Sheila, 101 Collette Street, in the amount of \$22.23.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265, in the amount of \$68.11, and in the amount of \$49.86, and in the amount of \$259.91, and in the amount of \$579.58, and in the amount of \$35.42, and in the amount of \$237.04, and in the amount of \$209.52, and in the amount of \$305.30.
- Ryder Truck Rental LT, 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114, in the amount of \$154.75, and in the amount of \$185.58, and in the amount of \$805.14, and in the amount of \$51.69, and in the amount of \$71.22, and in the amount of \$403.99, and in the amount of \$98.18.
- Toyota Lease Trust, 3200 West Ray Road, Chandler, AZ 85226, in the amount of \$306.22, and in the amount of \$114.06.
- Two Spa Girls, LLC, 10 Church Street, in the amount of \$475.67.

Mr. Freda announced that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting location will be moved to the upstairs conference room in the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then asked for public comment. Mr. Nick D'Angelo, Quinnipiac Avenue commented that he feels the rescue vehicle should be purchased as it is very, very important and we can't sacrifice when it comes to people's lives.

Brian Testa, Maple Avenue inquired if we have looked into a different type of vehicle, perhaps a non-transport vehicle. Chief Januszewski and Mr. Testa discussed the topic in further detail.

Mr. Jay Bard, Sherwood Drive inquired about the move of selectmen's meetings to town hall and if on the rear addition to the building, the doors can be updated to be handicap accessible.

Mr. Katz questioned the events in 2006 regarding the purchase of an emergency vehicle around that time. Mr. Doheny and Mr. Freda commented on some of the details regarding the public support of upgrading the vehicle from the original amount approved by the BOF and going back to the BOF to achieve that.

Mr. Freda concluded with wishing everyone a very happy holiday on behalf of all the Selectmen and invited everyone to attend the tree lighting and menorah lighting events on the Town Green.

There being no additional public comments, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn at 7:50 pm, seconded by Miss Buemi.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes